

HA-1427

1871

Dean Furniture Store and Funeral Parlor
13 N. Main Street
Bel Air
private

This three story storefront with the pressed tin facade was built in 1871 for Nathan Dean's furniture store and funeral home. While the pressed tin front is unusual in Bel Air, the combination of cabinet-maker and mortician is not. The company subsequently became Dean & Foster's.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dean & Foster Funeral Parlor & Furniture Store

AND/OR COMMON

Bel Air Studios

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

13 N. Main Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Payson Getz c/o Getz & Getz

Telephone #: 838-4135

STREET & NUMBER

26 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 762

Folio #: 104

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED |

CHECK ONE

- ☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story store front with pressed tin siding on the front is at 13 N. Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The tin siding is in a coursed stone pattern. A high tin cornice tops the structure, and a double string course separates the second and third stories. Windows in the top two stories are 1/1 double-hung sash in plain surrounds. The ground floor facade is of blue art glass with plate glass windows and a recessed aluminum framed door. A blue canvas awning (in bad shape) shades the first story.

The north elevation and the second story of the rear (east) elevation is sided in asphalt shingles. The back building has a gable roof. The second story shows a 6/6 window in the north bay and a single pane casement in the south bay. A single story plastered cement block addition with a roof sloping down to the north is behind the building. This building is three bay, door, window, door.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1871	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This lot and the next two north were part of Thomas Hays' estate. The larger lot was leased to William and John Hanna in 1866 (18/106). Mrs. Hanna's Boarding House was on the northernmost portion of the lot was leased by the Hannas to Nathan Dean, Jr., and E. Churchman Garrettson (25/193), they to build. They built two stores, to the north Garrettson's single story wallpaper and paint store with a porch that extended into the street, and to the south this building, at that time a two-story building with a very small three story portion in front (west). The building was 75' long. It housed Nathan Dean's Funeral Parlor and Furniture Store, not an unusual combination in an era when coffins were made by cabinet makers.

It is not known when the front building was raised to three stories, but the pressed tin siding, now in bad condition, is a late 19th century building material.

The fee simple of the building passed from the Hays Estate to Mary Farnandis in 1881 (42/486) and from Mary Farnandis to James Farnandis in 1882 (44/339). James Farnandis left the property to Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Sr., in trust for Nicholas Parks and after that to Mitchell (will 12/281). Elizabeth Mitchell, Sr., transferred it to her daughter Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Jr., in 1909 (127/339). In 1913 Miss Mitchell sold it to W. Beatty Harlan for \$3878.80 (139/456). In 1927 N. Howard Dean, who held the lease, bought it for \$1250 (206/155).

The funeral home was run by Edward and Howard Dean, sons of Nathan, until Edward's death in 1922. Then Joseph T. Foster became a partner. The funeral home moved to a new location on Broadway in 1945 where it continues today under the name Joseph T. Foster and Son.

In 1946 N. Howard Dean sold the Main Street property to his daughters, Geneva D. Richardson and Eloine D. Sullivan, retaining a life estate (303/195). Richardson and Sullivan sold it to Tillye Getz and her husband, Louis, in 1951 (366/478). Louis Getz died in 1967, and Mrs. Getz sold an undivided half in the property to Payson Getz that year.

Bel Air Photography Studios occupies the store today.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #868 in the Town of Bel Air.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

16 August 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1427

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
Bel Air Studios

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Dean Funeral
Home & Furniture Store

PRESENT USE: photo studios

ORIGINAL USE: funeral home & furniture

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: store

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good ()
Fair (x) Poor: ()

THEME: architecture

STYLE: vernacular

DATE BUILT:
1871

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION:

13 N. Main

COMMON NAME:

Bel Air Studios

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial

OWNER: Payson Getz c/o Getz & Getz

ADDRESS: 26 S. Main

Bel Air

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes () No () Restricted (x)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (x) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: pressed tin Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed (x) Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front (x)
Other:

Number of Stories: 3

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: 20' x 100'

Entrance Location:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

front: cornice 2nd & third level Pressed tin in coursed stone pattern
windows 1/1

ground floor blue art glass: plate glass windows, recessed entrance
aluminium framed blue canvas awning (bad shape)

up

back 2 bay 6/6 window in N bay; S bay 1 pane casement

down addition cement block (?) plastered

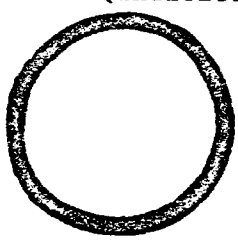
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Nathan Dean & then Foster & Dean Funeral Parlor & Furniture store

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up()Densely Built Up()
Residential()Commercial()
Agricultural()Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air

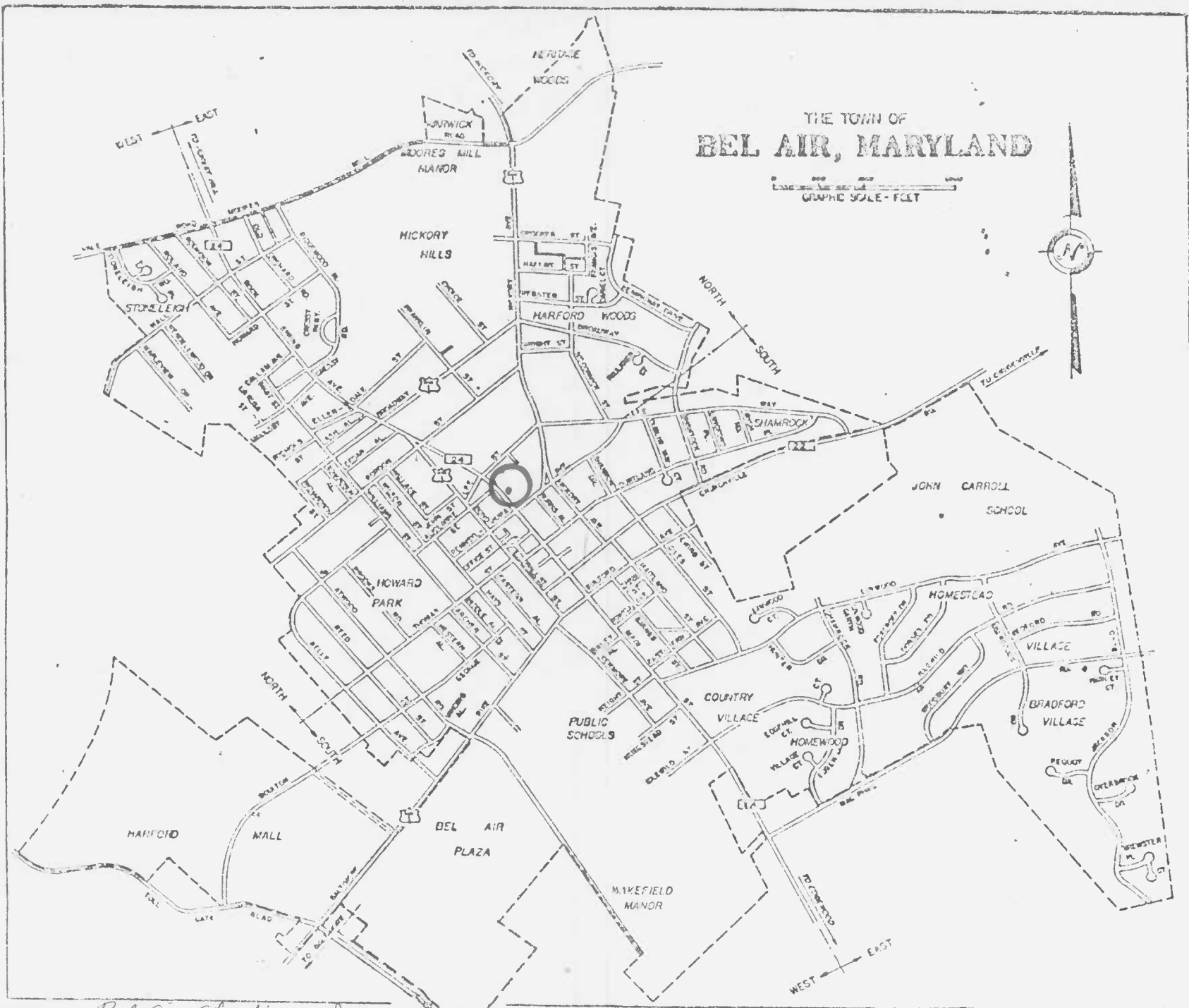
ORGANIZATION:
August 6, 1979

DATE RECORDED:

BEL AIR STUDIOS

762/104	15 November 1967 Tillye Getz to Payson Getz & Elaine, wife an undivided half
435/369	17 May 1955 Morton Getz to Tillye & Louis Getz Louis Getz died March 31, 1967
435/367	17 May 1955 Tillye & Louis Getz to Morton Getz
366/478	7 December 1951 Geneva D. Richardson & Lloyd, husband, and Eloine D. Sullivan & Charles, husband, of Arlington County, VA to Tillye Getz and Louis, husband
303/195	31 December 1946 N. Howard Dean, widower to Geneva D. Richardson and Eloine D. Sullivan Dean reserved a life estate
206/155	4 October 1927 W. Beatty Harlan, widower to N. Howard Dean \$1250 "now held under lease by Dean"
139/456	5 May 1913 Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Jr., of Baltimore City to W. Beatty Harlan \$3878.80

127/339	11 August 1909 Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Sr., widow of Baltimore City to Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Jr. (daughter) the property was left to her by James Farnandis (will 12/281) in trust for Nicholas Parks and after that to herself absolutely. Parks was dead
44/339	10 April 1882 Mary Farnandis to James Farnandis
42/486	5 April 1881 Thomas Hays, Trustee to Maryland Farnandis lease
276/431	1 April 1943 N. Howard Dean, widower to N. Howard Dean, Jr., and Joseph Foster the Dean & Foster funeral parlor & furniture store
25/193	22 November 1870 John Hanna & William Hanna to Nathan Dean, Jr., & E. Churchman Garrettson to build
18/106	21 August 1866 Thomas Hays, Jr., Trustee to William & John Hanna lands of Thomas Hays, Sr.



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137 N. Main St.





1421. From funeral home - for the "Morning News"
13 N. Main, Bellair
W. L. W.

M. L. Larew, 1979